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TSO, Laura K.

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LIGHT GUIDE ILLUMINATION DEVICE APPEARING UNIFORM IN

**BRIGHTNESS ALONG ITS LENGTH** 

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This document is submitted in response to the office action mailed December 16, 2002 regarding patent application no. 09/479,795. Applicants thank the Examiner for consideration of claims 1-17. Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks that follow.

#### **Amendments**

Please amend the application as follows:

## In the Drawings:

Please add the attached Fig. 5 to the drawings.

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## In the Specification:

On page 5, please add the following paragraph(s) before the DETAILED

**DESCRIPTION:** 



FIG. 5 is a schematic view of a waveguide resembling a letter according to one aspect of the invention.

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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

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